

REMARKS

A petition for a one month extension of time has today been filed as a separate paper and a copy is attached hereto.

Responsive to paragraph 2 of the office action, a new Title is submitted herewith.

Responsive to paragraph 3 of the office action, the undersigned has noted no error in the specification but requests that if any such error is noted by the examiner and if the examiner should find the case otherwise in condition for allowance, that such noted errors be cured by Examiner's Amendment or by bringing same to the attention of the undersigned for submission of an appropriate amendment.

Newly submitted claim 18, like original claim 1 which it replaces, is a generic claim relative to the various types of laminated metal plates which the examiner has deemed to be patentably distinct species. It is respectfully submitted that claim 18 is allowable over the prior art for the reasons which follow and that, accordingly, the withdrawn claims should be rejoined with the claims previously examined. In the case of rejoinder, the withdrawn claims will require amendment to correct their dependency, e.g., claims 4, 6, 7, 9 and 14 would require amendment to depend from claim 19.

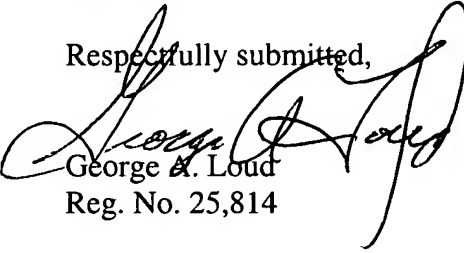
The rejection for indefiniteness as set forth in paragraph 5 of the office action is believed to be moot in view of the present cancellation of the rejected claims. The examiner will note that the newly submitted claims are free of the objectionable language.

The rejection of claim 1 for anticipation by Wang - U.S. 6,193,205 and to the extent that the rejection might be applicable to new claim 18, is respectfully traversed. Note that in Wang "32" designates "a centrally located fan blade" (column 2, lines 58 and 59). Wang discloses neither a fan motor nor a casing therefor. New claim 18 is further removed from anything suggested by Wang in that it defines a motor structure wherein the stator of the motor is "disposed inside said rotor," i.e., disposed radially inward of the fan blades attached to the rotor. Claim 18 further defines the structure as including a bearing holder which serves to connect the stator of the motor to the casing.

Likewise, the rejection of claims 2 and 3 for obviousness over Wang in combination with Hong and Thomas, to the extent that it might be applicable to the newly added claims, is also traversed. As noted above, Wang does not teach a motor or motor structure relative to the casing as defined by claim 18. Further, it should be noted that none of Wang, Hong and Thomas define a casing surrounding the rotor and fan blades including "a plurality of second metal plates in face-to-face contact." In applicants' invention, such face-to-face contact provides a continuous flow passage directing the air to the exhaust side of the casing.

In conclusion, it is respectfully requested that the examiner reconsider the rejections of record in light of the present amendments and the foregoing remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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